The Graphics Pipeline and OpenGL III: OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL 1.10)

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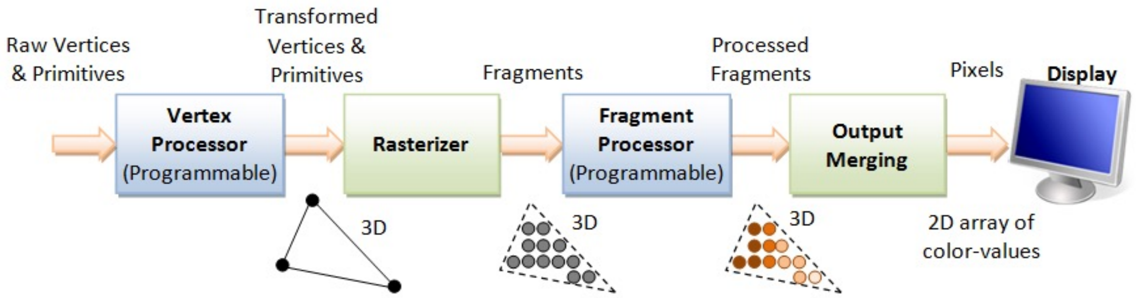
Lecture Overview

- Review of graphics pipeline
- vertex and fragment shaders
- OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL 1.10)
- Implementing lighting & shading with GLSL vertex and fragment shaders

Reminder: The Graphics Pipeline



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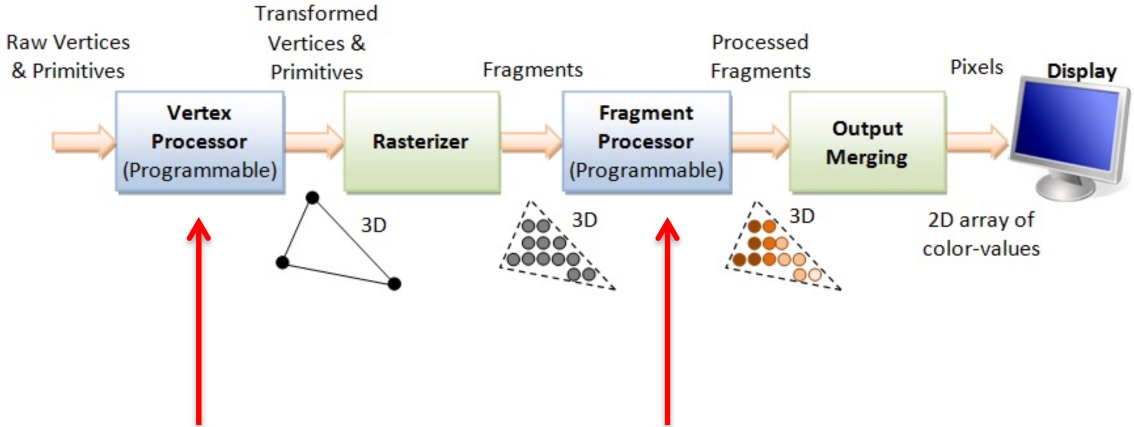

<u>vertex shader</u>

- transforms
- (per-vertex) lighting
- …

<u>fragment shader</u>

- texturing
- (per-fragment) lighting
- …

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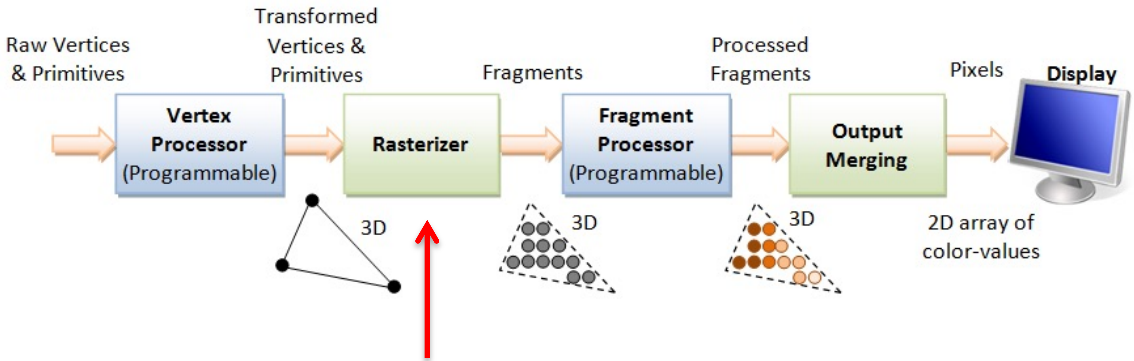

The Rasterizer

Two goals:

1. determine which fragments are inside the primitives (triangles) and which ones aren't
2. interpolate per-vertex attributes (color, texture coordinates, normals, …) to each fragment in the primitive

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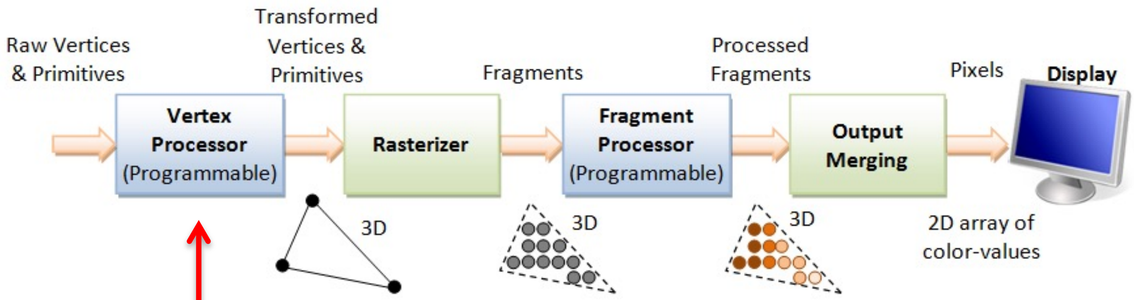
Vertex Shaders



input

- vertex position, normal, color, material, texture coordinates
- modelview matrix, projection matrix, normal matrix
- …

vertex shader (executed for each vertex in parallel)

```
void main ()
{
  // do something here
  …

}
```

output

- transformed vertex position (in clip coords), texture coordinates
- …

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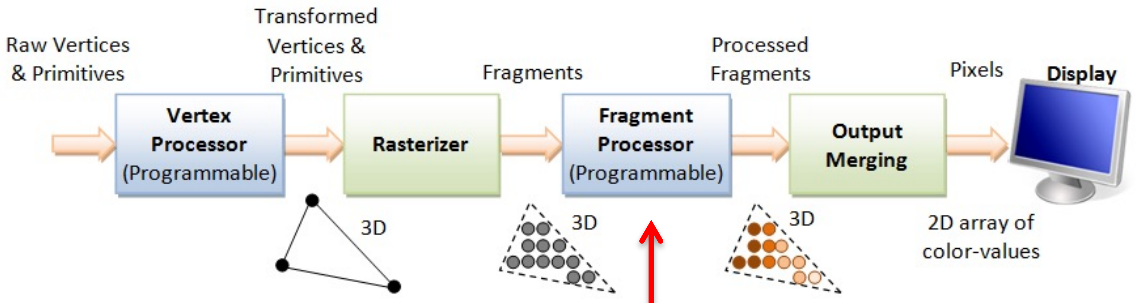
Fragment Shaders



<u>input</u>

- vertex position in window coords, texture coordinates
- …

<u>fragment shader</u> (executed for each fragment in parallel)

```
void main ()
{
  // do something here
  …

}
```

<u>output</u>

- fragment color
- fragment depth
- …

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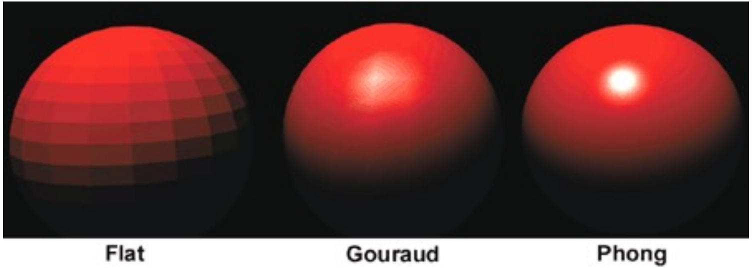
Why Do We Need Shaders?

- massively parallel computing
- single instruction multiple data (SIMD) paradigm → GPUs are designed to be parallel processors
- vertex shaders are independently executed for each vertex on GPU (in parallel)
- fragment shaders are independently executed for each fragment on GPU (in parallel)

Why Do We Need Shaders?

- most important: vertex transforms and lighting & shading calculations
- shading: how to compute color of each fragment (e.g. interpolate colors)
  1. Flat shading
  2. Gouraud shading (per-vertex lighting)
  3. Phong shading (per-fragment lighting)
- other: render motion blur, depth of field, physical simulation, …



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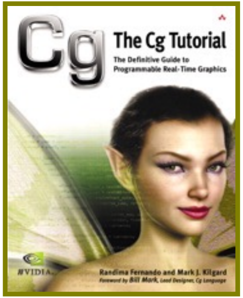
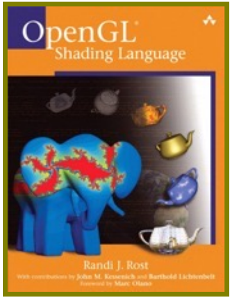
Shading Languages



- Cg (C for Graphics – NVIDIA, deprecated)

- GLSL (GL Shading Language – OpenGL)



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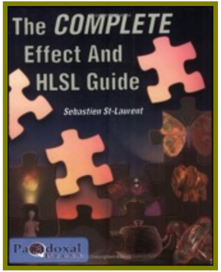
- HLSL (High Level Shading Language - MS Direct3D)



Demo – Simple Vertex Shader


```
// variable passed in from JavaScript / three.js
uniform float deformation;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;

uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;

void main () // vertex shader
{
  // deform vertex position in object coordinates
  vec3 pos = position + deformation * normal;

  // convert to clip space
  gl_Position = projectionMat*modelViewMat*vec4(pos,1.0);


  // do lighting calculations here (in view space)
  …

}
```

Demo – Simple Fragment Shader


```
// variables passed in from JavaScript / three.js
varying vec2 textureCoords;

uniform sampler2D texture;
uniform float gamma;

void main () // fragment shader
{

  // texture lookup
  vec3 textureColor = texture2D(texture, textureCoords).rgb;

  // set output color by applying gamma
  gl_FragColor.rgb = pow(textureColor.rgb, gamma);

}
```

Vertex+Fragment Shader – Gouraud Shading Template

vertex shader

```
// variable to be passed from vertex to fragment shader
varying vec4 myColor;

// variable passed in from JavaScript / three.js
uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;

void main () // vertex shader — Gouraud shading
{
  // transform position to clip space
  gl_Position = projectionMat * modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform position to view space
  vec4 positionView = modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform normal into view space
  vec3 normalView = normalMat * normal;

  // do lighting calculations here (in view space)
  …
  myColor = …
}
```

fragment shader

```
// variable to be passed from vertex to fragment shader
varying vec4 myColor;
void main () // fragment shader - Gouraud shading
{ gl_FragColor = myColor; }
```

Vertex+Fragment Shader – Phong Shading Template

vertex shader

```
// variable to be passed from vertex to fragment shader
varying vec4 myPos;
varying vec3 myNormal;

// variable passed in from JavaScript / three.js
uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;

void main () // vertex shader – Phong shading
{
  // transform position to clip space
  gl_Position = projectionMat * modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform position to view space
  myPos = modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform normal into view space
  myNormal = normalMat * normal;

}
```

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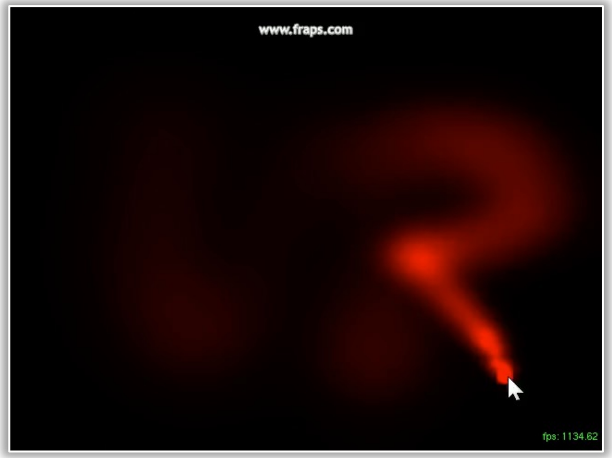
fragment shader

```
// variable to be passed from vertex to fragment shader
varying vec4 myPos;
varying vec3 myNormal;
void main () // fragment shader - Phong shading
{ // … do lighting calculations here ...
  gl_FragColor = …;
}
```

Demo – General Purpose Computation Shader: Heat Equation




```
varying vec2 textureCoords;

// variables passed in from JavaScript / three.js
uniform sampler2D tex;
const float timestep = 1.0;

void main () // fragment shader
{

  // texture lookups
  float u = texture2D(tex, textureCoords).r;

  float u_xp1 = texture2D(tex, float2(textureCoords.x+1,textureCoords.y)).r;
  float u_xm1 = texture2D(tex, float2(textureCoords.x-1,textureCoords.y)).r;
  float u_yp1 = texture2D(tex, float2(textureCoords.x,textureCoords.y+1)).r;
  float u_ym1 = texture2D(tex, float2(textureCoords.x,textureCoords.y-1)).r;

  glFragColor.r = u + timestep*(u_xp1+u_xm1+u_yp1+u_ym1-4*u);

}
```

heat equation: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \nabla^2 u \Rightarrow u^{(t+1)} = \Delta_t \alpha \nabla^2 u + u^{(t)}$

OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)

- high-level programming language for shaders
- syntax similar to C (i.e. has `main` function and many other similarities)
- usually very short programs that are executed in parallel on GPU
- good introduction / tutorial:

https://www.opengl.org/sdk/docs/tutorials/TyphoonLabs/

OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)

- versions of OpenGL, WebGL, GLSL can get confusing
- here's what we use:
  - WebGL 1.0 - based on OpenGL ES 2.0; cheat sheet:
    https://www.khronos.org/files/webgl/webgl-reference-card-1_0.pdf
  - GLSL 1.10 - shader preprocessor: `#version 110`
- reason: three.js doesn't support WebGL 2.0 yet

GLSL – Vertex Shader Input/Output

input

input variables are either `uniform` (passed in from JavaScript, e.g. matrices) or `attribute` (values associated with each vertex, e.g. position, normal, uv, …)

built-in output

`vec4 gl_Position` vertex position in clip coordinates

GLSL – Fragment Shader Input/Output

input

input variables are either `uniform` (passed in from JavaScript) or `varying` (passed in from vertex shader through rasterizer)

built-in output

`vec4 gl_FragColor` fragment color

GLSL – Fragment Shader Input/Output

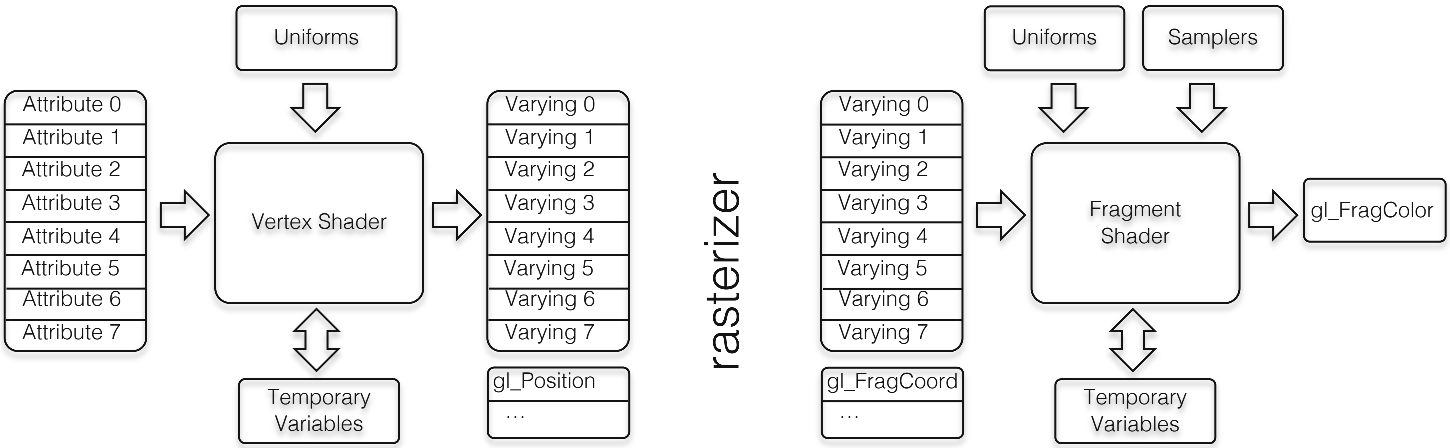
input

input variables are either `uniform` (passed in from JavaScript) or `varying` (passed in from vertex shader through rasterizer)

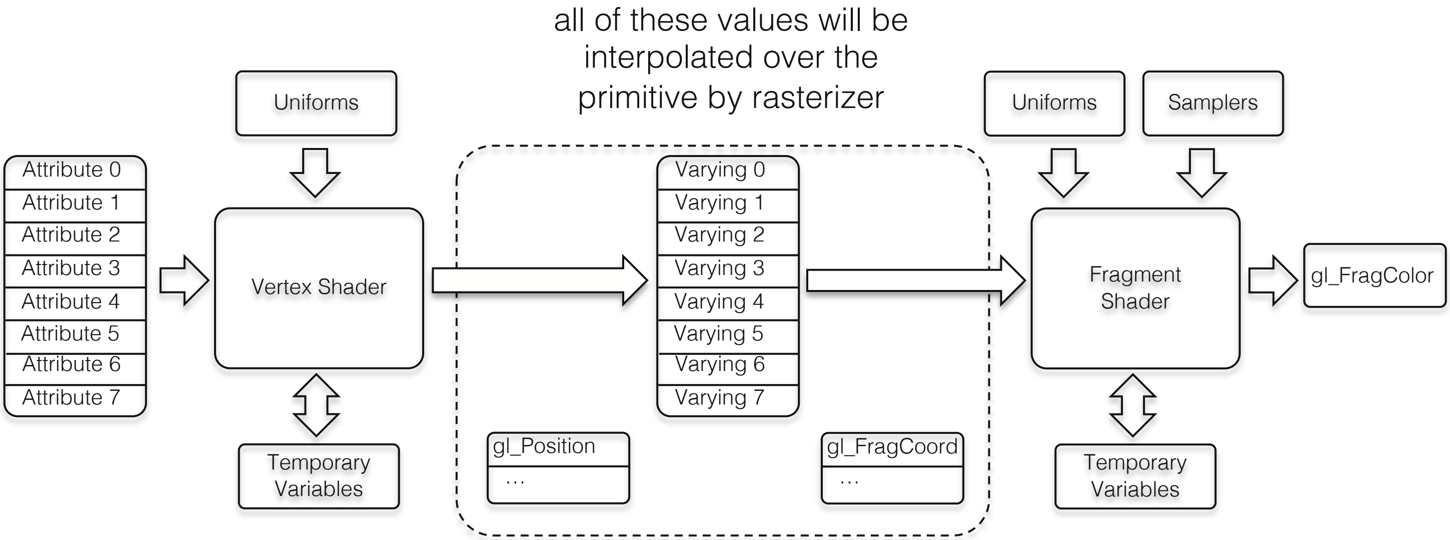
built-in output

`vec4 gl_FragColor`	fragment color
`float gl_FragDepth`	value written to depth buffer, if not specified: gl_FragCoord.z (only available in OpenGL but not WebGL)

GLSL Shader


Uniforms
Attribute 0
Attribute 1
Attribute 2
Attribute 3
Attribute 4
Attribute 5
Attribute 6
Attribute 7
Vertex Shader
Temporary Variables
Varying 0
Varying 1
Varying 2
Varying 3
Varying 4
Varying 5
Varying 6
Varying 7
gl_Position
…
rasterizer
Varying 0
Varying 1
Varying 2
Varying 3
Varying 4
Varying 5
Varying 6
Varying 7
gl_FragCoord
…
Uniforms
Samplers
Fragment Shader
Temporary Variables
gl_FragColor

GLSL Shader


all of these values will be interpolated over the primitive by rasterizer
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…
gl_FragCoord
…
Uniforms
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gl_FragColor
Temporary Variables

GLSL Data Types

`bool`	– boolean (true or false)
`int`	– signed integer
`float`	– 32 bit floating point
`ivec2, ivec3, ivec4`	– integer vector with 2, 3, or 4 elements
`vec2, vec3, vec4`	– floating point vector with 2, 3, or 4 elements
`mat2, mat3, mat4`	– floating point matrix with 2x2, 3x3, or 4x4 elements
`sampler2D`	– handle to a 2D texture
`attribute`	– per-vertex attribute, such as position, normal, uv, …

GLSL Data Types

`uniform type` – read-only values passed in from JavaScript,

e.g. `uniform float` or `uniform sampler2D`

vertex shader

```
uniform mat4 modelViewProjectionMatrix;

varying vec2 textureCoords;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec2 uv;

void main ()
{
  gl_Position = modelViewProjectionMatrix * vec4(position, 1.0);
  textureCoords = uv;
}
```

fragment shader

```
uniform sampler2D texture;

varying vec2 textureCoords;

void main ()
{
  gl_FragColor = texture2D(texture, textureCoords);

}
```

GLSL Data Types

`varying type` – variables that are passed from vertex to fragment shader (i.e. write-only in vertex shader, read-only in fragment shader)

– rasterizer interpolates these values in between shaders!

vertex shader

```
varying float myValue;

uniform mat4 modelViewProjectionMatrix;
attribute vec3 position;

void main ()
{

  gl_Position = modelViewProjectionMatrix * vec4(position,1.0);

  myValue = 3.14159 / 10.0;

}
```

fragment shader

```
varying float myValue;

void main ()
{

  gl_FragColor = vec4(myValue, myValue, myValue, 1.0);

}
```

GLSL – Simplest (pass-through) Vertex Shader

```
// variable passed in from JavaScript / three.js
uniform mat4 modelViewProjectionMatrix;

// vertex positions are parsed as attributes
attribute vec3 position;

void main () // vertex shader
{
  // transform position to clip space
  // this is similar to gl_Position = ftransform();
  gl_Position = modelViewProjectionMatrix * vec4(position,1.0);

}
```

GLSL – Simplest Fragment Shader

```
void main () // fragment shader
{
  // set same color for each fragment
  gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0,0.0,0.0,1.0);

}
```

GLSL – built-in functions

`dot`	dot product between two vectors
`cross`	cross product between two vectors
`texture2D`	texture lookup (get color value of texture at some tex coords)
`normalize`	normalize a vector
`clamp`	clamp a scalar to some range (e.g., 0 to 1)

`radians, degrees, sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan, pow, exp, log, exp2, log2, sqrt, abs, sign, floor, ceil, mod, min, max, length, …`

good summary of OpenGL ES (WebGL) shader functions:

https://www.khronos.org/files/webgl/webgl-reference-card-1_0.pdf

Gouraud Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Vertex Shader

```
uniform vec3 lightPositionView;
uniform vec3 lightColor;
uniform vec3 diffuseMaterial;
```

user-defined light & material properties

```
uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;
```

user-defined transformation matrices

```
attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;
```

per-vertex attributes

```
varying vec3 vColor;
```

color computed by Phong lighting model to be interpolated by rasterizer

Gouraud Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Vertex Shader

```
uniform vec3 lightPositionView;
uniform vec3 lightColor;
uniform vec3 diffuseMaterial;

uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;

varying vec3 vColor;

void main () // vertex shader
{
  // transform position to clip space
  gl_Position = projectionMat * modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform vertex position, normal, and light position to view space
  vec3 P = …
  vec3 L = …
  vec3 N = …

  // compute the diffuse term here
  float diffuseFactor = …

  // set output color
  vColor = diffuseFactor * diffuseMaterial * lightColor;
}
```

user-defined light & material properties

user-defined transformation matrices

per-vertex attributes

color computed by Phong lighting model to be interpolated by rasterizer

Gouraud Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Fragment Shader

```
varying vec3 vColor;


void main () // fragment shader
{
  // set output color
  gl_FragColor = vec4(vColor,1.0);
}
```

Phong Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Vertex Shader

```
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;
```

← user-defined transformation matrices

```
attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;
```

← per-vertex attributes

```
varying vec3 vPosition;
varying vec3 vNormal;
```

← vertex position & normal to be interpolated by rasterizer

Phong Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Vertex Shader

```
uniform mat4 modelViewMat;
uniform mat4 projectionMat;
uniform mat3 normalMat;

attribute vec3 position;
attribute vec3 normal;

varying vec3 vPosition;
varying vec3 vNormal;

void main () // vertex shader
{
  // transform position to clip space
  gl_Position = projectionMat * modelViewMat * vec4(position,1.0);

  // transform vertex position, normal, and light position to view space
  vec3 P = …
  vec3 N = …

  // set output texture coordinate to vertex position in world coords
  vPosition = P;

  // set output color to vertex normal direction
  vNormal = N;
}
```

user-defined transformation matrices

per-vertex attributes

vertex position & normal to be interpolated by rasterizer

Phong Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Fragment Shader

```
uniform vec3 lightColor;
uniform vec3 diffuseMaterial;
uniform vec3 lightPositionWorld;

varying vec3 vPosition;
varying vec3 vNormal;
```

user-defined light & material properties

vertex & normal positions interpolated to each fragment by rasterizer

Phong Shading with GLSL (only diffuse part) – Fragment Shader

```
uniform vec3 lightColor;
uniform vec3 diffuseMaterial;
uniform vec3 lightPositionWorld;

varying vec3 vPosition;
varying vec3 vNormal;

void main () // fragment shader
{
  // incoming color is interpolated by rasterizer over primitives!
  vec3 N = vNormal;

  // vector pointing to light source
  vec3 L = …

  // compute the diffuse term
  float diffuseFactor …

  // set output color
  gl_FragColor.rgb = diffuseFactor * diffuseMaterial * lightColor;
}
```

user-defined light & material properties

vertex & normal positions interpolated to each fragment by rasterizer

GLSL - Misc

- swizzling:

```
vec4 myVector1;
vec4 myVector2;
vec3 myVector1.xxy + myVector2.zxy;
```

- matrices are column-major ordering

- initialize vectors in any of the following ways:

```
vec4 myVector  = vec4(1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0);
vec4 myVector2 = vec4(vec2(1.0, 2.0), 3.0, 4.0);
vec4 myVector3 = vec4(vec3(1.0, 2.0, 3.0), 4.0);
```

- these are equivalent: `myVector.xyzw = myVector.rgba`

- we omitted a lot of details…

JavaScript & GLSL

goals:

- loading, compiling, and linking GLSL shaders (from a file) using JavaScript
- activating and deactivate GLSL shaders in JavaScript
- accessing uniforms from JavaScript

our approach (for labs and homeworks):

- use three.js to handle all of the above
- can do manually, but more work – we will shield this from you

Summary

- GLSL is your language for writing vertex and fragment shaders
- each shader is independently executed for each vertex/fragment on the GPU
- usually require both vertex and fragment shader, but can “pass-through” data

Further Reading

- GLSL tutorial: https://www.opengl.org/sdk/docs/tutorials/TyphoonLabs/
- summary of built-in GLSL functions: http://www.shaderific.com/glsl-functions/
- GLSL and WebGL: https://webglfundamentals.org/webgl/lessons/webgl-shaders-and-glsl.html